

Willimantic March 25th 1836.

Dear Wife

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Contrary to expectation I have found in this place a furious opposition, & therefore instead of returning at the time I supposed I must stay & see the battle through. As yet no harm is done, nor do I expect that any will be done. I suppose the contest is now over, but we mean to be sure of it & so I remain to lecture on till we have a clear sky & an open sea. They have tried three nights in succession to route us but have not succeeded. Yesterday, in Utica style, they called a borough meeting, appointed a committee of twelve to wait on me to request me to discontinue my lectures indefinitely. I lectured in Windham in the afternoon & did not return until just before the evening lecture, on my return I found the committee waiting to receive me. I heard their message, which consisted of a resolution passed at the borough meeting requesting me to desist - told ^{them} I could hold no communication with them on the subject except in writing - requested therefore a copy of their proceedings with the names of the committee - that as my lecture had been appointed

& the time had now arrived for the meeting & the
people were in waiting, I must proceed to the meeting
& that if they would furnish me with a copy of their
resolutions & proceedings I would take them into consideration
after the lecture & give them my answer in writing with
the reasons. And so ended the Conference - I went to
the church - the Committee went to their meeting & made
their report - & then the borough meeting dissolved
& then down came the mob to shake me out of
the house. Our friends stood firm - met them at the
threshold - read the riot act & went to arresting the
rioters & on I went with my lectures to its close,
unmolested & unharmed. I suppose the struggle
last night was the death struggle & that we shall
have no further disturbance. They seem to feel that
they are fairly beaten. If Stanton has come, I
wish he would come into this county forthwith. I
think it very important that we carry the matter
through this County at once. If ~~he comes~~ I do not
come home on Monday I wish him to come here
on Tuesday. Let him meet me at the Temperance
House in Hartford Monday Evening - as I shall be there
then in case I return. Let him bring with him a large
bundle of our publications for distribution. If Stanton is

not there, let Burleigh or the boy come over to Hartford
on Monday afternoon bringing a large bundle of the
publications, so that if I am there I can forward the
bundle & come home with them that evening. I think
we are to have a glorious triumph here. Thus far
we have had & we mean to make the triumph
complete.

Your affec^t. husband

A. A. Phelps.

P.S. If Ralph comes, give him particular directions on
paper to come to the Temperance House. I think it
would be well for you to write a note to the keeper of
the Temperance House requesting him to see the boy
& the boy taken care of until the stage from W^m
-mantic comes in, & then in case I do not come, to
see the boy started for home, the bundle forwarded
to me, & state to him that I will pay all expense
on my return.

A. A. Phelps
Windham March 25
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Mrs. Charlotte Phelps

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